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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM SEN. WILLIAMS--DR. GOLDBERG VS. GALERIA ARTES

REF: CLARKE-COHEN ROUTING SLIP OF APRIL 20, 1976

1. DR. GOLDBERG PURCHASED HIS CERAMIC FIGURE FROM GALERIA ARTES WHEN GALERIA ARTES WAS OWNED BY IVAN CRUZ. GALERIA ARTES HAS SINCE CHANGES OWNERSHIP, AND IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTACT PREVIOUS OWNER CRUZ. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS LIVING IN A SMALL VILLAGE SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE COUNTRY.

2. GIVEN FACTS THAT NEW OWNER OF GALERIA ARTES WILL OBVIOUSLY NOT FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVIOUS OWNER CRUZ'S ALLEGED ERROR AND THAT CRUZ IS SIMPLY NOT ACCESIBLE, WE THINK THAT GOLDBERG MUST BE ADVISED THAT CHANCES FOR SETTLEMENT OF HIS COMPLAINT APPEAR SLIM. WE WILL, HOWEVER, PROVIDE GOLDBERG WITH LIST OF LAWYERS IN QUITO SHOULD HE WISH TO PURSUE MATTER.

3. GOLDBERG STATED IN HIS SEPT. 29, 1975, LETTER TO THE EMBASSY THAT HE PURCHASED QUOTE A CLAY FIGURE MADE IN THE JAMA HUAKI PERIOD...FOR A PRICE OF \$600.00 UNQUOTE. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO GOLDBERG THAT THE EXPORT FROM ECUADOR OF PRE-COLUMBIAN ARCHEOLOGICAL PIECES VALUED IN EXCESS OF US\$500 IS FORBIDDEN BY ECUADOREAN LAW. GOLDBERG SHOULD BE WARNED THAT IF HE TRIES TO PURSUE HIS COMPLAINT AGAINST CRUZ THROUGH ECUADOREAN LEGAL CHANNELS OR THROUGH GOE, HE MAY FIND HIMSELF ASKED BY GOE TO RETURN THE FIGURE OR HE MAY EVEN BE CHARGED WITH A CRIME.

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